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In re Application of :
Verberg et al. :
Application No. 09/832,119 : DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: 11 April, 2001 :
Atty Docket No. 8553/210 :

This is a decision on the petition filed on 4 August, 2005, under 37 CFR 1.137(b),¹ to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The application became abandoned on 16 September, 2003, for failure to timely file an Appeal Brief in response to the Notice of Appeal filed on 15 July, 2003, which set a two (2) month shortened statutory period for reply. No extensions of the time

¹ Effective December 1, 1997, the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b) now provide that where the delay in reply was unintentional, a petition may be filed to revive an abandoned application or a lapsed patent pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b). Grantable petition filed under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b) must be accompanied by:

(1) the required reply, unless previously filed. In a nonprovisional application abandoned for failure to prosecute, the required reply may be met by the filing of a continuing application. In a nonprovisional utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995, and abandoned for failure to prosecute, the required reply may also be met by the filing of a request for continuing examination in compliance with § 1.114. In an application or patent, abandoned or lapsed for failure to pay the issue fee or any portion thereof, the required reply must be the payment of the issue fee or any outstanding balance thereof.

(2) the petition fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(m);

(3) a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. The Commissioner may require additional information where there is a question whether the delay was unintentional; and

(4) any terminal disclaimer (and fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.20(d)) required pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(c)).

for reply in accordance with 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained.
Notice of Abandonment was mailed on 11 February, 2004.

Petitioners have filed a Request for Continued Examination (RCE)
and an amendment as the submission required under 37 CFR 1.114.

This application is being forwarded to Technology Center 3600 for
further processing.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter may be directed to the
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